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# *Data Developments*

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**Current Population Survey, November 1996: Voting and Registration** *[machine-readable data file] / conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. -Washington: Bureau of the Census [producer and distributor], 1997.*

## Type of File

Microdata; unit of observation is individuals within housing units.

## Universe Description

The universe consists of all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living in households. The probability sample selected to represent the universe consists of approximately 48,000 households.

## Subject-Matter Description

Data are provided on labor force activity for the week prior to the survey. Comprehensive data are available on the employment status, occupation, and industry of persons 14 years old and over. Also shown are personal characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, veteran status, household relationship, educational background, and Hispanic origin.

The voting and registration survey was asked of all civilian household members 18 years and over. Voting and registration data are collected every 2 years to monitor trends in the voting and nonvoting behavior of U.S. citizens in terms of their different demographic and economic characteristics. The November CPS supplement is a major source of information regarding national voting and registration.

## Geographic Coverage

States, regions and divisions are identified in their entirety. Within confidentiality restrictions; indicators are provided for consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSA), 173 selected metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), 69 selected primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA), 217 counties, and 41 central cities in multi-central city metropolitan statistical areas or primary metropolitan statistical areas. Also within confidentiality restrictions, indicators are provided for metropolitan/nonmetropolitan, central city/balance metropolitan, MSA/CMSA size and MSA/PMSA size.

## Technical Description

File Structure: Rectangular.

File Size: 136,279 logical records; 832 character logical record length.

File Sort Sequence: State rank by CMSA/MSA rank by household identification number by line number.

## **Reference Materials**

*Current Population Survey, November 1994: Voting and Registration Technical Documentation.* Documentation contains this abstract, including ordering information, overviews, definitions, questionnaire facsimiles, code lists, and record layouts of the file. One copy accompanies each file order. Additional copies are available from Administrative and Customer Services Division, Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Bureau of the Census. *The Current Population Survey Design and Methodology* (Technical Paper 40) (out of print). Describes in detail the sample design and survey procedures used as well as accuracy of estimates and sampling errors. Reference copies should be available from most public libraries or Federal Depository Libraries.

## **File Availability**

The file may be ordered from Administrative and Customer Services Division using the Customer Services order form on the following page. It is available on a single 9-track tape reel (ASCII or EBCDIC, labeled or unlabeled, 6250 bpi). The file also can be made available on IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge or CD-R (compact disc-readable) in ASCII format.